

New Concept for Phase III of South Core Presented for Council Review

by Kathleen Gallagher

The December 7 Greenbelt City Council worksession was scheduled to consider the Detailed Site Plan (DSP) for Phase III of the South Core of Greenbelt Station and a new concept plan. However, issues relating to the DSP were satisfactorily resolved, leaving the council to concentrate on the concept plan.

The mood was at times rather tense at the city council's November 16 worksession with representatives of the Woodlawn Development Group when it first reviewed the DSP. As reported in the November 26 issue of this paper, planning department staff had prepared a 23-page memorandum detailing a variety of concerns, as well as a differ-

ence of opinion between city and county staff regarding the criteria by which the plan should be evaluated.

City staff had recommended to council that the DSP not be approved. In this case the city's approval is required, not simply advisory, since that condition was negotiated as part of the city's Development Agreement with the developers.

According to Celia Craze, director of planning and community development, subsequent to that worksession, staff worked with Woodlawn to identify the "large ticket" items that needed attention. In response to staff and council comments, Woodlawn prepared a new alternative

concept plan.

Craze told the council that staff opinion was that the new concept plan addresses many of the problem areas. It also relieves the time pressure felt by all parties at the time of the November meeting, when an early January meeting with the County Planning Board was scheduled for review of the DSP, requiring quick turnaround for the city and Woodlawn to resolve their differences. A new meeting date with the county will be scheduled upon the filing and review of the alternative concept plan.

In the meantime, instead of discussing further revisions to

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Council Reviews Goal Statement; Many New Suggestions Offered

by James Giese

At its December 16 worksession the Greenbelt City Council reviewed its existing goal statement and discussed possible revisions and additions. While there was little disagreement as to any goal proposed, there was divergence of opinion as to emphasis and direction. Councilmembers concluded that more time was needed to reach agreement on a new goal statement and that some kind of an extended worksession, such as an entire Saturday or part of a Sunday should be held in January.

Following the 2013 election, council adopted the following goals: enhance the sense of community, economic development and sustainability, improve transportation opportunities, maintain Greenbelt as an environmentally proactive community, improve public safety and constituent service.

Mayor Emmett Jordan not-

ed that there were "so many things going on right now," and that council needed "to be more strategic." He urged council to spend more time to set visioning goals. That was done in 2008 and 2013 and should be done every three years. He said that he had prepared his list of goals and that other councilmembers should do likewise. Other councilmembers had also prepared lists in advance and they also summarized their lists at the meeting.

Supporting Jordan, Councilmember Judith Davis said that council had broad goals but needed to flesh them out. She felt that council also needed to talk about infrastructure.

Councilmember Edward Putens was also supportive and proposed having a weekend retreat as council had done many years ago. But he also expressed

concern about putting extra burden on city staff without "adding more bodies."

Goal Lists

Individually, the members of the council listed or summarized their lists of goals.

Rodney Roberts began by advocating change in how police officers are trained. He said the training manual was written in a military style. He said, "Every day I hear the gun range, officers shooting. For every hour of shooting, I want training in how to subdue without force and to deal with people with mental conditions." (The Greenbelt Police share a gun range with other jurisdictions located at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.)

Roberts also advocated

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Long-lived Champion Trees, Significant Others Among Us

by Amy S. Hansen



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

Brian Townsend, horticultural supervisor for the City of Greenbelt, hugs the longleaf pine in Schrom Hills Park to demonstrate its girth.

Start the New Year by walking among champions. Just have a walk around Schrom Hills Park. Or walk through the center of town. The champions loom, waving their crowns.

These champion trees are the biggest of their kind in Prince George's County and the state.

And as one walks there are

other special trees – the City of Greenbelt's significant trees. They may not be the biggest but they're beautiful. "They add value to the landscape," said Brian Townsend, the city's horticultural supervisor.

The significant trees include beech with lovely gray bark, eastern red cedars, white oaks, magnolias and willow oaks. They're all captured in a pamphlet written by the city's Advisory Committee on Trees. A Tour of Greenbelt's Significant Trees is available to download from the city website greenbelt-md.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1900.

Even though the pamphlet was written in 2007, most of the trees are still standing. The tour includes the Community Center, Centerway, Parkway, Crescent, Ridge and Hamilton, Buddy Attick Park and Schrom Hills Park. The short blurb about the trees explains why each one is so impressive. All of this remains true and is worth walking for.

Occasionally, however, the description is out of date. Take the

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Council Approves GSA Letter Regarding FBI Headquarters

by Diane Oberg

At a January 4 special meeting the Greenbelt City Council approved sending a letter to the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) supporting the building of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) headquarters on what is now the parking lot of the Greenbelt Metro station. The letter, a response to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), also identified some areas of concern.

The letter states that "It is our strong belief that the Greenbelt site is the best location for a consolidated FBI headquarters." The letter further stated, "[We] are confident the site provides the greatest benefits for FBI employees, our citizens and the region."

The GSA has selected three locations as potential sites for the FBI headquarters: the Greenbelt Metro site, the former Landover Mall location and a site owned by GSA in Springfield, Virginia. The DEIS compared the impact of each site on a variety of environmental, social and economic conditions.

Council's letter notes that the Greenbelt location "provides a unique opportunity to benefit the environment The transforma-

tion of the existing impervious surface parking lot into a new FBI campus will result in the long-term improvement of environmental conditions on site, to the nearby stream valley, and ultimately to the Anacostia River."

The letter notes, however, "We ask that careful consideration of the wetlands and impacts to the floodplain be prioritized during the layout design of campus facilities." The city is also asking to be included in all upcoming discussions about the development of the site.

Finally, the letter states, "The City supports the majority of recommended improvements developed during the DEIS's traffic analysis to optimize traffic signals and improve lane geometry. We ask that intersection improvements minimize road widening where feasible."

Council asked the GSA to address four concerns:

- 1) a request that the perimeter fence be located outside of the Indian Creek stream channel, wetlands and riparian forest area;
- 2) rebuttal of the study's visual impact analysis, stating that

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What Goes On

Saturday, January 9

9 to noon, Donation Drop-Off, City Office Parking Lot

Monday, January 11

5:30 p.m., Youth Advisory Committee, Greenbriar Meeting Room

8:00 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building.

Tuesday, January 12

7:30 p.m., Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB), Municipal Building

Wednesday, January 13

7 to 8:30 p.m., Monthly Meeting for the Zero Waste Circle, Public Works Department

8:30 p.m., Council Worksession re: Playground Resurfacing, Community Center

Monday, January 18

10:30 to 1 p.m. Martin Luther King Jr National Day of Service, Tree Protection Volunteer Event, Public Works 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, January 19

7 to 9:30 p.m., Darkness to Light's Stewards of Children Training, Municipal Building



PHOTO BY ERIC ZHANG

Cassandra Jenzer, age 7, paints at the Community Art Drop-in on Sunday. More photos on page 12.

Letters

Grateful Reader

I am writing in response to Silke Pope’s comment as reported in last week’s News Review in the article entitled ‘Greenbelt Councilmembers Reflect on Feedback from Door Knocking.’ Her comments were summarized as “The News Review is not good enough; people don’t read it.”

I disagree. I am amazed that something that comes to my door, free-of-charge, every week is packed with so much timely information. I am grateful that volunteers take the time to craft so many articulate offerings that I often don’t have time to read them all thoroughly. I’m sure, however, the News Review staff would welcome help from those who find it lacking. To paraphrase a different Roosevelt than we typically do in Greenbelt, the credit belongs to the [person] who is actually in the arena... not the [person] who points out where the doer of deeds could have done them better. Thank you, News Review staff, doer of deeds, for the deeds you do every week.

Diane Fishburne

Bowie Concert Brings Color to the Classics

Top regional African American classical musicians perform An Enchanted Evening of Music on Friday, January 8, at 7 p.m. at the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts, 15200 Annapolis Road. The event, hosted by WUSA-TV’s Andrea Roane, continues a 12-year tradition of Bringing Color to the Classics. The Coalition for African Americans in the Performing Arts presents this concert free of charge. For more information call 301-839-1444.

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the city’s opinion is that the visual impacts of the FBI campus would be an improvement over the existing parking lot;

3) a request that GSA reconsider the source of natural gas for the facility, noting the presence of a more accessible gas line than that presented in the DEIS; and

4) encourage GSA to pursue a lease “which will support the extension of local fire, police, recreation and social services to support the new headquarters.”

An attachment to the letter notes a number of factual or more technical comments or corrections, including explaining the city’s role in providing police and recreational services, the distance from the police station to the proposed site and updating obsolete information.

In its review, council made a few changes to the draft letter. They suggested other possible items to include with the comments, such as a letter from Washington Gas regarding the natural gas line suggested in the

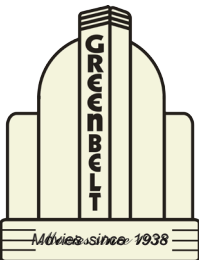
letter. In addition, Councilmember Edward Putens suggested referencing the police department’s certification by the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies. Councilmember Konrad Herling requested mentioning that the project would improve water quality in the Anacostia River.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts expressed concern about studying the FBI headquarters separately from the State Highway Administration’s improvements to the Beltway, including the two missing ramps to and from the south. City Planner Jessica Bellah said that due to the presence of a box culvert, the wetlands north of the Beltway are considered separate from those on the Metro site. Roberts was not convinced, but Mayor Emmett Jordan pointed out that the city was just reacting to the DEIS.

Cary Coppock, from the audience, asked how deep the building would go. Bellah and Garth Beall of Renard Development agreed that it appears unlikely that there will be underground facilities. Coppock also raised concerns about how to minimize the impact of maintenance activities of the perimeter fence and suggested seeking to have monitoring stations installed on Indian Creek.

On a 5-0 vote, council approved a motion authorizing City Manager Michael McLaughlin to send the letter, with council’s comments incorporated, to GSA by the Wednesday, January 6 deadline for comments. (Councilmembers Leta Mach and Silke Pope were not present.)

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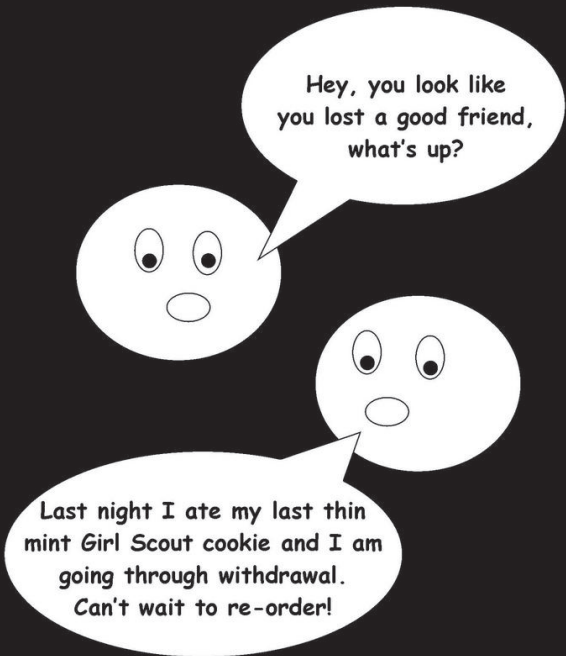
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Thurs. 5:30 PM, 8:00 PM

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The Greenbelt Grasshopper

Have you noticed our new kids' section, the Greenbelt Grasshopper? Check out this week's jokes, riddles and activities on page 8. It will be found, whenever there is space, near the Police Blotter.

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On Screen

Carol, an Outstanding Love Story with a Catch

Carol is a powerful yet controlled love story of two quite different women that might seem on the face of it to be a reflection of sexual relationships in the modern world – except that it is set in the world of 1952. This environment presents serious challenges to the two women, a mature yet glamorous housewife in the midst of a divorce named Carol played by Cate Blanchett and a 19-year-old department store employee, Therese (Rooney Mara). Their relationship steadily deepens and becomes more intense while those around them (mostly men) seem to be completely unaware of it. The suspense and tension in the film comes largely from the enormous social stigma that would arise if their lesbian relationship became public knowledge. But the heart of the movie is their growing relationship, a story of love between two people from different social and economic worlds who have found their world in each other. Beautifully photographed with a spare and yet realistic script, this movie also benefits from fine performances from the entire cast but particularly from Blanchett and Mara.

R. Running time: 116 minutes.

– Peter Curtis

This week's Swifty . . .

“I may not be much now but I have a secret plan to be promoted to five-star general within ten years,” he confided p — — — — ly.

Answer to 12-24-15 Swifty:
“You can borrow my eBook reader,” she offered KINDly.

Community Events

Library Mini-Comicon

On Saturday, January 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt library, George Kochell will introduce to the public the comic book/manga classes he leads for kids ages 9 to 12 and the graphic novel collection suitable for this age group at the library. The comic book/manga classes are held at the Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Stop by and meet some of the young artists and see their creations. For more information about the classes, contact Barbara Simon of the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts, which manages the program, at simongava@yahoo.com or 301-474-2192.

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Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext. 4215.

All meals include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of January 11 are as follows:

Monday, January 11: Pineapple juice, sloppy joe, corn, coleslaw, wheat hamburger bun, hot glazed peaches.

Tuesday, January 12: Cranberry juice, stuffed salmon with lemon butter sauce, wheat bread, diced pears.

Wednesday, January 13: Grape juice, cream of mushroom soup with crackers, fish sandwich, mixed green salad with ranch dressing, fresh fruit.

Thursday, January 14: Grape juice, Salisbury steak with creole sauce, lima beans, sliced carrots, wheat roll, fresh fruit.

Friday, January 15: Apple juice, Mexican tinga chicken, Mexican rice, Mexicali vegetables, flour tortilla, pineapple and mandarin oranges.

Zero Waste Circle

On Wednesday, January 13 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Public Works Department, the monthly meeting of the Zero Waste Circle, a sub-group of the Green Team, is open to the public. The Zero Waste Circle is a group of Greenbelters focused on eliminating waste going to the landfill by promoting recycling and composting. Efforts include demonstration projects, educational activities, legislative advocacy and partnering with organizations, groups and individuals to encourage zero waste policies, goals, actions and behaviors. Contact ejosephitis@greenbeltmd.gov or susnbarn@earthlink.net.

Events at MakerSpace

It's a new year, and Greenbelt MakerSpace returns from a short holiday break to bring an array of exciting events.

Friday, January 8 from 5 to 6:30 is Little Maker night, when pre-school aged kids, ages 2 through 6, and their families are invited to come and make a unique craft. Also Friday from 6 to 9 p.m. is First Friday Game Night. Enjoy games of strategy with friends and neighbors. Game Night features Settlers of Catan, Dominion, Fluxx and others.

On Saturday, January 9, MakerSpace will be closed for a competition but will be open normal winter weekend hours (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) on Sunday, January 10.

Tuesday, January 12 from 7 to 8 p.m. is Coder Dojo for kids, and from 8 to 9:30 p.m. is Coder Dojo for adults. Level up programming skills with Minecraft – no experience necessary. Greenbelt Biota, Greenbelt's Natural History Society, will also meet on Tuesday from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 13 will have First Lego League from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and Knit Night from 7 to 9 p.m. Knitters, crocheters and other fiber fanatics of all experience levels are welcome.

Thursday, January 14 will have First Lego League from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and MakeWrite, the MakerSpace writers' group from 7 to 9 p.m. All types of writers – aspiring to professional, memoirists and essayists to poets and novelists to screenwriters and playwrights – can come talk shop.

Democratic Club Hosts Annapolis Trip

On Monday, January 18, Maryland's 22nd Legislative District Team sponsors its annual trip to Annapolis to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. The local Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club, with Pamela Powers of the state legislative team, has arranged for a bus leaving from the Greenbelt library parking lot at 5 p.m. sharp. Arrive at the parking lot no later than 4:45 p.m. to assure seat availability. There is a nominal fee. To reserve a seat, call Powers at 301-858-3058.

The event, which includes a scrumptious dinner provided by Three Brothers restaurant, features Maryland state representatives of the 22nd Legislative District. Delegates Washington, Healey and Gaines, as well as State Senator Pinsky, will provide insights on the legislative session and thoughts regarding the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. Comments are followed by a keynote speaker (someone who has contributed to our area's quality of life).

Following dinner and speeches, attendees can observe the Maryland General Assembly in action from the State House galleries.

The Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club welcomes new members. For more information about the club and its activities, call 202-321-4207.

- Konrad Herling

Explore the Lincoln Memorial on Friday

On Friday, January 8 Explorations Unlimited opens the 2016 winter season by welcoming National Park Service (NPS) rangers Brad Berger and Jennifer Epstein, who will discuss the Lincoln Memorial.

Berger holds a master's degree in American colonial history from Shippensburg University. He got his start with the NPS during his college years as an intern at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. Since April 2002, he has served as a ranger on the staff of the National Mall and Memorial Parks. Epstein is the park education coordinator.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday beginning at 1 p.m. at the Community Center. This presentation will be held in Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Star Party Saturday

On Saturday evening, January 9, the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party open to the public at the City of Greenbelt Observatory located at Northway Fields. With the observatory telescope, visitors are shown open star clusters through a wide field of view eyepiece and other deep sky objects through an astronomical camera. Visitors are also welcome to set up their own telescopes on the hill. Neptune and Uranus will be up, and not the Moon, so it will be dark.

Observing will begin at around 6 p.m. and continue for about two hours. There is no fee for the event. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.



Free Events at Co-op

There's good stuff going on at the Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy this week. There will be a free wine tasting event on Friday, January 8 from 4 to 7 p.m. Wine consultant John Mealy has chosen a selection from California that includes an exciting Pinot Noir, a Petit Syrah, a Chardonnay and a delightful Viognier. As a special to all customers, all tasting wines will be available at \$1 off their regular price. Upcoming wine events will be on January 15, 22 and 27, all from 4 to 7 p.m.

On January 13 from 5 to 7 p.m., the Around the Co-op series continues. This month, there will be a sampling of the four varieties of almond milk that the Co-op offers. Almond milk, a popular alternative to dairy milk, contains high levels of fiber, vitamin E and several minerals. It is low in calories compared to cow's milk and contains no cholesterol, saturated fat or lactose. Plus, it tastes pretty good too. Come try some.

Other events include a tasting in the produce department of Maya Kaimal Simmer Sauces on January 23, a vegetarian chili tasting on January 27 (Patron Appreciation Day) and a seasonal beer tasting on January 29. Support the Co-op and enjoy these events.

GHI Notes

Thursday, January 7, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room

Saturday, January 9, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room

Wednesday January 13, 7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee Meeting, Board Room

Thursday, January 14, 7 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting, Board Room

Friday, January 15, Office closed. For emergency maintenance service, call 301-474-6011.

Monday, January 18, Holiday – office closed. For emergency maintenance service, call 301-474-6011.

City Notes

Street Maintenance/Special Details crew cleaned pipes around the lake at Buddy Attick Park.

Horticulture/Parks crew reset a cinder block retaining wall at Schrom Hills Park.

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability crew collected 31.34 tons of refuse and 16.4 tons of recyclable material.

Recreation staff conducted a site visit to an aquatics facility in Columbia to evaluate inflatable aquatic playground equipment for possible use in Greenbelt.

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FRIDAY – SATURDAY

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Alvin & the Chipmunks: Road Chip, PG
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Concussion, PG-13
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The Hateful 8, R
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the DSP, the focus of the December 7 council worksession with the developers became the new concept plan. The same players were at the table. All councilmembers were present. Michael German and Justin Frye of Woodlawn and Project Attorney Norman Rivera, City Manager Michael McLaughlin, Jessica Bellah, community planner, and Craze were present.

Further adding to the lightened mood of Round II was that in general councilmembers recognized the serious effort made by Woodlawn to address or find areas of compromise on issues raised by staff and council at the last meeting.

Welcome

Mayor Emmett Jordan opened the meeting by welcoming several new Greenbelt residents, homeowners in Greenbelt Station, who were in the audience. He thanked the developers for finding areas of compromise in their most recent reworking of the plan and then asking for a briefing from planning staff.

Craze pointed out as two big improvements in the new plan the addition of pocket parks, which provide additional open space, and a change in the orientation of the potential retail parcel.

Bellah went into additional detail. She said the new concept provides for three public pocket parks, a new street grid pattern, a revised layout for Lot 116 (the potential retail space) and no reduction in the total number of units.

In the DSP, a row of townhouses had fronted the half-acre Lot 116. In response to council's objections at the last meeting, the townhouses were removed from that location so that the lot would be better able to serve as either parkland or retail space, depending on the results of marketing studies.

Lot 116

Councilmember Rodney Roberts asked when it would be determined whether Lot 116 would be used for retail or whether it could be declared open space. Bellah responded that at the end of a year after marketing begins, it could be transferred to the city if it had not been sold. Although there are funds included in the development agreement for developing a park there, the city is not required to do so.

Councilmember Judith Davis also thanked the developers for the accommodations they had made, especially for removing the housing units from the retail parcel. Commenting on Roberts' question, she and Jordan both commented that prior to making assumptions about what use would be made of the parcel if it reverts to the city, council should wait to find out what the residents want. It might be a park, she said, but it could also be a community center or another

public use.

While the new pocket parks break up the visual mass of the buildings and provide some open space, Bellah pointed out that the areas were created by narrowing the distance between the houses from 50 to 30 feet, which requires further evaluation.

Bellah and Craze both stressed that the new concept did not as yet provide enough detail for staff to evaluate all the changes.

Overpass

Craze also reported that a staff-level meeting had been held with College Park to discuss the placement of the pedestrian overpass from North College Park that was part of the original plan. She described it as a sticky problem that Greenbelt and College Park have never been able to agree upon. The problem is on the Greenbelt side, with the city being concerned about the close proximity to houses where the overpass would land.

Staff's proposed location, if there is to be an overpass at all, is at the end of a green space that does not infringe on the green space. Bellah explained that the reason for the specific location is that the original conceptual site plan requires that the overpass be located on the College Park side at the College Park Public Works facility. Putting the overpass there, however, would require removing two of the townhouses shown in the developer's new conceptual plan.

Davis pointed out that the *raison d'être* for the overpass had been access to the more extensive retail facilities originally planned for the South Core, which will now not materialize. Rivera confirmed that it would cost about \$48 million to build, there is currently no public or private funding for it, and the developer is not required to fund it.

"Can we get rid of this?" Councilmember Edward Putens asked. "The reason for doing it has been eliminated."

Woodlawn's proposal was to place it to the north of Phase III, in a location that ultimately would not comply with the condition in the site plan. Considerable discussion ensued about how the situation should best be handled. In the meantime, the condition exists that a location for the overpass must be part of the plan, even though it is unlikely ever to be built.

Regarding council's previous concern with the proximity of some of the last row of townhouses to the sound barrier, Bellah said there is now a minimum of 15 feet between the barrier and the property line. As a result, however, some of the yards are not as deep, which may also create a problem with the public utilities easement.

Residents Speak

Before concluding the discussion, the mayor asked the Greenbelt Station residents present whether they had any questions. Haiyang Li, who lives in a townhouse on Davis Point Road, expressed concern about the retail location, noting that parking is already difficult, and he observed that a car had been parked in front of his house for a very long time. He also asked whether the decision on the FBI relocation would have any impact on any of the concepts for the South Core.

The mayor said there would be no impact either way by the FBI and that the retail, if any, would have its own parking pad within the lot. Councilmembers suggested that street parking designations should be the province of the Home Owners Association when it exists.

Joseph Trullinger, whose house is on Greenbelt Station Parkway, said he had heard there were plans to create a third lane on that roadway by eliminating the median. He suggested that would substantially change the atmosphere of the street. Craze assured him that the street is already built to its maximum width and that plans for the FBI relocation explicitly take into account that it cannot be enlarged.

Although it was anticipated that progress might be quicker, as of January 5 Bellah said there had been little change in the status of the Phase III plans since the December 7 meeting. She said the developer has continued work on the new conceptual plan but no date has yet been set to bring it to the city council for action.

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The Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program in partnership with Trinity University School of Nursing, will be offering up to 10 free community nursing home visits on Mondays, February 8 through April 18. Nursing students under the supervision of a university professor will provide the following services: nursing assessments, mental health screenings, bathing assistance, blood sugar monitoring, health education, medication management, vital signs monitoring and health advocacy with physicians.

Residents enrolled in the program will be able to choose the services that they receive. Reminder calls will be made to residents weekly to confirm visits. Please note there are 12 slots available. Please register only if available weekly for appointments. All appointments will be between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. To register, call Sharon Johnson at 301-345-6660 ext. 2033 beginning Wednesday, January 13. Services will continue during the summer and fall months with an additional partnership with Bowie State University School of Nursing.



Congratulations to Windy Cooler and Erik Hanson who were married on New Year's Day at Sandy Spring Friends Meetinghouse.

Condolences to former Our Neighbors columnist Kathleen McFarland and her sister Rosemary Scott on the death of their sister (and Greenbelt "pioneer"), Joanne Scott Kennedy of Toano, Va., 86, who died January 1. Funeral services were held January 5 and 6 in Williamsburg. Details at <http://www.bucktroutfuneral-home.net/obituary/joanne-scott-kennedy/>. Look for the full story in next week's News Review.

Our thoughts are with the family and friends of Christine 'Chris' Dively of College Park who passed away on January 1. Chris was known by many in Greenbelt with her involvement in the recreation programs.

Share your accomplishments, milestones, news for the next Our Neighbors column.

To send us information for Our Neighbors, email us at editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com or leave a message at 202-957-3072.

- Karen Yoho

Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

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Monday, January 11: Chinese/English Preschool Storytime, 4:30 p.m., for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 people. This bilingual storytime includes children’s stories, songs, rhymes and other activities in Chinese and English. Stop by the information desk to pick up free tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis on the day of the event.

Tuesday, January 12: Infants and Toddlers Program, Books at Bedtime, presented by the Prince George’s County Infants and Toddlers Program, 7 p.m., for ages birth to 3, limit 20 people.

Wednesday, January 13: Preschool Storytime, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 people.

Thursday, January 14: Baby Storytime, 10:15 a.m., for ages 12 to 24 months, limit 20 people; Baby Laptime Storytime, 11:15 a.m., for ages birth to 12 months, limit 20 people; Toddler Storytime, 4:15 p.m., for ages 2 to 3, limit 20 people.

Teen Writers Club: Monday, January 11, 6:30 p.m., teens (13 to 18 years old). Meet other teens who share an interest in writing. Learn tips to improve writing, try new approaches and meet authors and other experts in the publishing field.

Pins and Needles: Tuesday, January 12, 6:30 p.m. Bring stitching projects to finish. All stitchers welcome.

Bibliobop Dance Party: Saturday, January 16, 10:30 a.m., ages 2 to 5. Calling all preschoolers and toddlers to come and bust a move and shake the sillies out at the Greenbelt Bibliobop Dance Party. Bring parents or caregivers and prepare to boogie and bop until all drop.

Read to Rover: Saturday, January 16, 2 p.m. Read to Rover is for children ages 6 to 11, helping them build reading confidence while reading aloud to specially-trained therapy dogs. Each child will read for 15 minutes. Registration is required; call the library at 301-345-5800 for more information.

Botanic Garden Offers
Free Cooking Session

On Thursday, January 14 at noon and 12:45 p.m., the U.S. Botanic Garden will hold a free cooking demonstration with Adrienne Cook, gardening and cooking writer, and nutritionist and cooking instructor Danielle Cook.

Turmeric root and ginger root are often seen side by side on grocery shelves, but how to use them? Learn about the nutritional value of these two powerhouse roots and how to incorporate them for maximum flavor in delicious original recipes.

Note: The 12:45 p.m. program is a repeat of the 12 p.m. program. No pre-registration is required.

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Municipal Building, January 11, 2016 – 8:00 p.m.

ORGANIZATION

Call to Order
Roll Call
Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Consent Agenda – Approval of Staff Recommendations (Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by *] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)
Approval of Agenda and Additions

COMMUNICATIONS

- Presentations
- Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)
- * Minutes of Council Meetings
- Administrative Reports
- *Committee Reports
Advisory Committee on Education, Report #2016-1 (Grant Proposals – 2016)

LEGISLATION

- An Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition by Negotiated Purchase of Certain Real Property Known as 10-A Crescent Road which is Needed for a Public Purpose, Namely a Museum
-1st Reading
- A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of K-9 Turf for the Greenbelt Animal Shelter and Greenbelt Dog Park from East Coast Surfacing at a Cost of \$20,940
- 1st Reading

OTHER BUSINESS

- American Chestnut Foundation Grant Opportunity
- State Legislation
- Council Reports
*- Departure from Parking and Loading Standards
* Reappointments to Advisory Groups

MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

DONATION DROP-OFF

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Monthly Meeting for the Zero Waste Circle, a sub-group of the Green Team, is open to the public and all are invited to participate! The Zero Waste Circle is a group of Greenbelters focused on eliminating waste going to the landfill by promoting recycling and composting to the greatest extent possible. Our efforts include demonstration projects, educational efforts, legislative advocacy, and partnering with organizations, groups and individuals to encourage zero waste policies, goals, actions and behaviors.

Wednesday, January 13 from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Public Works Department, 555 Crescent Road
ejosephitis@greenbeltmd.gov or susnbarn@earthlink.net

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and Youth Advisory Committee.
For information call 301-474-8000.

MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 11-15

Monday, January 11 at 5:30pm, YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE, Greenbriar Meeting Room.

Monday, January 11 at 8:00pm, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Comcast 71, Verizon 21 and Streaming at www.greenbelt-md.gov/municipaltv

Tuesday, January 12 at 7:30pm, COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (CRAB), Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road

Wednesday, January 13 at 8:30pm, COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Playground Resurfacing, Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

The schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR DAY OF SERVICE

In observance of the upcoming Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, the Greenbelt City Council and the Community Relations Advisory Board join President Obama and others by encouraging residents to take part in community service opportunities. During these challenging economic times, the demands on service organizations are greater than ever. Throughout the City’s history, Greenbelters have generously volunteered their time for the betterment of our community.

You can use the links below to find more information on service opportunities in our area.

The City’s many volunteer organizations can use your help. A list of clubs and contacts is available at <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/BusinessDirectoryII.aspx?lngBusinessCategoryID=35>

Chesapeake Education, Arts & Research Society (CHEARS) community service opportunities at President Obama’s “United We Serve” initiative : www.serve.gov

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service: www.mlkday.gov

Martin Luther King, Jr. National Day of Service,
TREE PROTECTION VOLUNTEER EVENT
Monday, January 18 from 10:30 am – 1:00 pm.



Meet at Public Works, 555 Crescent Road at 10:30am. Enjoy free bagels and hot beverages served courtesy of Bagel Place of College Park. Public Works employees will lead an educational presentation about beavers, their role in the ecosystem, and why they have become a problem in Buddy Attick Park.

Volunteers will learn about the natural, created, and managed landscape features at Buddy Attick Park. They will then help place wire caging around the trunks of slow-growth trees to help protect them from the beavers. They will also help remove invasive ivy from the trees.

Volunteers are encouraged to RSVP in advance to ejosephitis@greenbeltmd.gov (240) 542-2168. Children must be attended by an adult. Remember to bring a reusable mug, dress warm, wear closed-toe shoes and clothes you don’t mind getting dirty.

Darkness to Light’s Stewards of
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Hosted By: City of Greenbelt & Greenbelt CARES
Tuesday, January 19, 2016 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road

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Tree Protection Day

In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. National Day of Service, the Greenbelt Public Works Department is hosting a tree protection volunteer event on Monday, January 18 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers will meet inside the Public Works Department building for a brief orientation starting at 10:30 a.m. Enjoy free bagels and hot beverages served courtesy of Bagel Place of College Park. Public Works employees will lead an educational presentation about beavers, their role in the ecosystem and why

they have become a problem in Buddy Attick Park. Public Works employees will then guide volunteers toward Greenbelt Lake where they will learn about the natural, created and managed landscape features at Buddy Attick Park. Upon arriving at the service site, volunteers will learn how to coexist with beavers by placing wire caging around the trunks of slow-growth trees. In addition, Public Works staff will teach volunteers how to protect the forest from invasive

species takeover by removing English ivy with hand shears. The event will conclude with a reflection and group picture in front of the lake. Last year, over 30 volunteers attended the event to protect 70 trees from beavers and English ivy. Volunteers are encouraged to RSVP in advance to ejosephitis@greenbeltmd.gov or 240-542-2168. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Remember to bring a reusable mug, dress warmly and wear closed-toe shoes and clothes that can get dirty.



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Elizabeth Weiner and Nicole Myers teaming up to secure caging that protects trees from beavers.

Red Cross Seeks Blood Donors

January is National Blood Donor Month. Donors with all blood types are needed, especially types AB, O, B-negative and A-negative. Donate blood at the following areas in January: in Greenbelt on January 11 from 1:30 to 7 p.m. at American Legion Post 136; in Bowie on January 11 from 2:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 6111 Columbian Way; in Lanham on January 14 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Doctors Hospital and in New Carrollton on January 12 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the New Carrollton Municipal Building, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway. To make an appointment to donate blood, download the free Red Cross Blood Donor app from app stores, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767.



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Above: Chewed trees are evidence of beaver activity.

Left: A beaver is at home in Greenbelt Lake.

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purchasing property in Greenbelt West, suggesting purchasing the scrap yard operating on Branchville Road. It was something the city needed to do, even though the property is located within the town limits of Berwyn Heights. (The scrap yard is situated adjacent to the South Core of Greenbelt Station, now under development with mixed housing.)

Roberts also advocated putting back a basketball hoop in Greenbelt East and that the Greenbelt police actively patrol it so that “bad things” won’t then happen. (Councilmembers had received complaints from residents of the area unhappy that the basketball court had been taken out of use.)

Jordan grouped his objectives under four categories. The first related to economic development. He wanted to achieve commercial redevelopment by implementing the strategies put forth by the Sage Group, such as offering incentives and by using the information now being generated by a consultant on marketing. He would also like to make Roosevelt Center a “destination place” by working with the Friends of the Old Greenbelt Theatre and the New Deal Café. For Greenbelt Road, Jordan hopes to restart an earlier effort by the state to landscape and beautify it so that it is more of a boulevard than highway. In the vicinity of Hanover Parkway, he would like to provide more recreational opportunities, suggesting a fitness trail extending from Roosevelt High School around Greenway Center past the dog park and through Schrom Hills Park.

Organization

Jordan’s second goal area related to managing organizational change, in part the result of potential retirements of key personnel. He also noted city staff was strained by the work load placed on it by council. He felt the need to revisit a consultant’s organizational study and implement more of its recommendations. There was also a need to deal with issues of space limitation, noting that the museum acquisition could help a bit. (The museum has offices and a display room at the Community Center that could possibly be relocated

to the adjacent home that may be purchased as a museum addition.)

Jordan’s third area for goals related to city finances. He would like to achieve a healthy reserve and build up the tax base through economic development, restoring the city property tax to a former lower rate. Lastly, Jordan’s goal for public safety was simply to outfit police officers with body cameras.

Davis commented that the problem was that councilmembers had so many ideas, pet projects and goals that it will be tough to prioritize them.

Silke Pope said she agreed with Jordan’s goals, but that other councilmembers had a lot to add and it would be difficult to reduce the number to just a few priorities to work on. She was particularly concerned that more staff was needed and that should the FBI Headquarters facility come to Greenbelt “we will really be swamped.”

Edward Putens agreed and suggested that council first had some basics to do as to “who we are and what we are” as an organization.

Leta Mach said there was a need to focus on organizational assessment and economic development and to see what council will be able to handle this year. She considers Roosevelt Center a key to economic development. Council needs to consider next steps for the movie theater, noting the currently unusable stage which she called “unsafe” behind the screen. She considers the large, curved screen to be “the jewel of the theater,” however.

Mach stated as another goal getting all Greenbelt children to attend Greenbelt schools.

Six Categories

Davis put forth six categories of goals with organizational assessment being listed first. Managing the city’s infrastructure was her second, noting the need for a plan to schedule and finance major replacement costs for facilities such as roof replacements. She particularly emphasized the need for watershed improvements such as repair to the Greenbelt Lake dam and to “get rid of that cement thing on Hillside,” referring to the concrete storm drainage

channel in the park area between Greenhill Road and Northway that was installed to prevent surface storm water from flooding Lakewood subdivision homes.

Davis called for a proactive, not reactive plan for economic development. In this respect she suggested issuing awards to outstanding businesses and undertaking a bus stop study.

Public safety and quality of life was her fourth goal category. She, too, advocates the purchase of body cameras for police.

Environmental issues were Davis’s fifth category of goals including achieving sustainability, dealing with the forest preserve assessment now being undertaken, the need to get more people involved, providing electric vehicle chargers, installing solar panels, providing more pervious pavement instead of impervious and replacing Bradford Pear trees.

Davis’s last category was constituent services. She advocated the need to make the city website more attractive.

Konrad Herling provided councilmembers with a five-page detailed listing of goals and objectives. In summary they were providing for a more inclusive community, furthering economic development, the assessment of management of city government, organization and its personnel, improving the budget process, providing amenities such as recreational opportunities, the dog park, ball field management and bettering the environment. He also suggested for the long range building a new arts center. As a last item Herling urged the renovation of the current fire station.

Next Step

In summary, Putens declared that council won’t find an end to something unless there is first a beginning. To begin, he urged dealing with those needs relating to the core functions of the city first and looking for the resources needed to accomplish them.

Jordan declared that council was not going to be able to accomplish that on that night. He suggested that staff put together a list for council to then prioritize at another meeting to be held soon. City Manager Michael McLaughlin noted that

council was already pretty well booked for January Mondays and Wednesdays, the normal council meeting nights.

Jordan suggested maybe meeting on a Saturday or Sunday. Davis suggested taking a whole day. Putens suggested a Sunday afternoon to accommodate Roberts’ work schedule. Roberts remained uncommitted and since this was a worksession, action was deferred to the next regular meeting.

National Arboretum Bonsai Exhibit Opens

The U.S. National Arboretum will present a bonsai exhibit, Winter Silhouettes, January 8 through 17, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Special Exhibits Wing, National Bonsai and Penjing Museum.

Winter is the best time to enjoy the true mastery of the art of bonsai by observing the “bare bones” of the trees. With no leaves, the structure of a bonsai reveals how well the artist has created a miniaturized version of nature. The bonsai curator has selected notable trees from the museum’s permanent collection for a formal display of these living artworks. This event is free.

Upcoming Events At the New Deal

Thursday, January 7, Mid-Day Melodies with Amy Kraft 12 to 2 p.m. Songwriters’ Association of Washington Open Mic hosted by Paige Powell from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, January 8, John Guernsey plays jazz and blues piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The Bad Influence Band performs blues and roots music from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 9, Bruce Kritt plays classical Guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. Guernsey plays jazz and blues piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Four Star Combo, a high-energy 1950’s rockabilly and honky tonk ensemble, plays from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 10, Deaf Brunch, where deaf and hearing people socialize together using sign language, meets from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Not2Cool Jazz Trio Brunch plays from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Steel City Jug Slammers perform blues and old time jug music from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Tuesday, January 12, The Loose Ends, a roots rock group play from 7 to 9 p.m.

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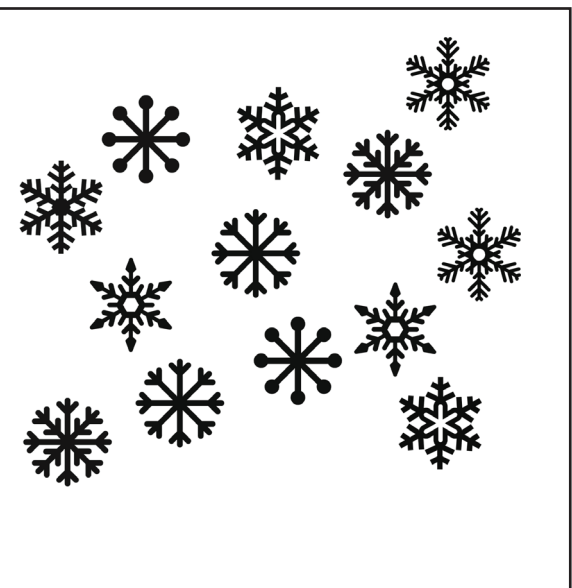
Trivia Time: The “belt” in “Greenbelt,” was originally part Greenbelt State Park and part Henry A. Wallace Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.

Riddle in the Middle: Q: What force and strength cannot get through, I with a gentle touch can do, and many in the streets would stand, were I not as a friend in hand.

Joke of the Week: Where does a sheep go for a haircut?
To the baaaaa baaaaa shop!

Riddle in the middle answer: A: A key!

Today’s Activity: Match the Snowflakes!



Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltmd.gov/police
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

DWI/DUI

December 19, 1:45 a.m., Kenilworth Avenue near Crescent Road. A 65-year-old resident was arrested and charged with alcohol and other traffic-related charges after being stopped for a traffic violation. He was released on citations pending trial.

December 19, 11:05 p.m., Greenbelt Road near Lakecrest Drive. A 27-year-old resident was arrested and charged with alcohol and other traffic-related charges after being stopped for a traffic violation. He was released on citations pending trial.

December 23, 1:23 a.m., Greenbelt Road near Kenilworth Avenue. A 46-year-old resident was arrested and charged with alcohol and other traffic-related charges after being stopped for a traffic violation. He was released on citations pending trial.

Assault

December 23, 4:49 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A woman walked up to an employee at the Bling Jewelry kiosk and complained to him about an item she said she had purchased there. When the employee said the item had not been purchased at his stand, she sprayed him in the face with an unknown substance and fled on foot. He refused medical treatment.

December 25, 10:26 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. A 14-year-old resident was arrested and charged with assault and possession of paraphernalia after he punched a police officer who had responded to a report of a verbal altercation. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

December 30, 3:40 p.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. A woman was shopping in Safeway when a man ran his grocery cart into hers twice. They exchanged words and pushed each other several times. The woman said the man threatened her and then left. She refused treatment for a neck injury. The man is described as white, 40 to 50 years old, 6'2" to 6'4" tall with gray hair, wearing a vest over a plaid shirt.

Unattended Child

December 23, 12 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. A 36-year-old resident was served a criminal summons, charged with leaving a child unattended after a nine-year-old child was allegedly left in a residence to care for two other children, six and four years old.

Theft

December 23, 4:27 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. An unattended wallet was taken from a shopping cart in the parking lot of the Giant food store. It apparently was later turned in but claimed by someone other than the owner.

December 24, 3 p.m., 7400 block Greenbelt Road. A woman reported that she believes a credit card was taken from her pocket while at Ross Dress for Less. It

was used later to make unauthorized purchases.

December 27, 10:20 a.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway. A parcel package was taken from the front stoop of a residence on December 4.

December 29, 8 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A cell phone was taken while a woman was watching a movie at Academy Stadium Theaters in Beltway Plaza.

December 30, 10:10 a.m., 5900 block Greenbelt Road. An unattended purse and cell phone were taken from Dunkin Donuts. They were recovered later the same day at Dunkin Donuts in Lanham.

Burglary

December 26, 8:57 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. A television, two laptop computers, a notebook computer and two gaming systems were taken from a residence.

December 30, 2 a.m., 6200 block Springhill Court. A woman was asleep when she heard glass breaking and someone walking in the apartment. She thought it was a roommate and went back to sleep. The next day it was discovered that someone had entered the residence by breaking out a bedroom window. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

December 30, 3:17 a.m., 6200 block Springhill Drive. A man who was sleeping heard noises in his living room and saw two people there, one carrying his laptop computer. They fled through the front door when they saw him. It was later discovered the car keys had also been taken and used to steal his blue 2004 Mercury Marquis with Md. tags 8BM5810. Entry into the residence is believed to have been by way of a partially opened sliding glass door.

Vehicle Crime

Four vehicles were stolen, a red 2011 Ford Econoline E150 van with Md. tags 54262B, taken from the 7800 block Mandan Road; a white 4-door 2000 Dodge Neon with Md. tags 1CE1917, taken from the 6200 block Springhill Court; a green 2006 Chrysler Sebring hatchback with Md. tags 2BV0850, taken from the 9100 block Springhill Court and a maroon 2001 Dodge Ram pickup with Md. tags 8CD2809, taken from the 5900 block Cherrywood Lane.

A 2004 Ford Econoline van stolen December 28 from 12 Court Ridge Road was recovered December 30 by Prince George's County police in the 3400 block 52nd Avenue in Hyattsville.

Six reports of thefts from vehicles were received. An iPod Nano media player was taken from an unlocked vehicle in the 5300 block Stream Bank Lane. A handicap placard was taken from the 9100 block Edmonston Road after a passenger side window was broken out. In the 6100 block Greenbelt Road the trunk

of a vehicle was opened and two laptop computers, a carry bag, a camera stand and blank checks were taken. The driver side mirror was taken from a vehicle in the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace. A car charger, registration card and insurance card were taken from a vehicle in the 9100 block Edmonston Court. In the 7800 block Mandan Road a car was rummaged through after the front passenger window was broken but nothing appeared to have been taken.

Vandalism was reported in the 7900 block Mandan Road, where a man saw another man kick his car several times and flee on foot. He is described as black, 23 years old, 5'7" tall, 115 pounds, wearing a tan jacket, blue jeans and white shoes.

Vandalism was also reported in the 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive (a brick was used to break out the rear windshield and crack the front windshield of a vehicle) and 200 block Lakeside (two tires were slashed).

Routine Patrol Finds Unresponsive Man

A Greenbelt police officer on routine patrol in Schrom Hills Park on Monday, January 4 at approximately 6:59 p.m., found two men, one unresponsive and later pronounced dead, and the other possibly under the influence of drugs, according to a press release from George Mathews, Greenbelt Police Department. The deceased man has been identified as Anthony Miguel Cabotaje, 22 years old, of Lanham.

While making rounds of the park, located in the 6900 block Hanover Parkway, the officer became suspicious of a vehicle in the parking lot. A man walking near it told him something about having been robbed, said Mathews. Further investigation revealed an unresponsive man in the driver's seat of a 4-door Honda Accord. Officers used a portable defibrillator in an attempt to resuscitate him and he was transported by ambulance to Doctors Community Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

The second man has not been identified and was transported by ambulance to Prince George's Hospital Center for observation. An investigation is continuing.



Victoria Svensen Honored By Travel Weekly Magazine

Victoria Svensen of Greenbelt Travel Services was recently selected to participate in Travel Weekly's CruiseWorld STAR (Select Travel Advisor Recognition) Program, a significant investment in the future of travel advisors made by the leading industry publication, Travel Weekly. The elite STAR group was engaged from November 11 through 13 in travel industry product and destination training and executive workshops hosted by major cruise line executives who gave additional insights on the future of the cruise and travel industry.

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Victoria Svensen

up to date on the global travel opportunities available to their customers," said Alicia Evanko-Lewis, senior vice president of events for Travel Weekly.

As a participant in the STAR Program, Svensen showed her dedication to professional development and commitment to superior customer service.

To contact Svensen, call 301-474-1300, email vicki@greenbelttravel.com or visit GreenbeltTravel.com or in person at 6411 Ivy Lane, Suite 106, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

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News Review

50 Years Ago...

The following excerpts were selected from the News Review online archive, January 6, 1966, issue.

The Cat Mystery

Behind the wail of the ambulance was a human drama that is perhaps more comic than tragic. One day last week, according to City Manager (more recently News Review Senior Editor), James Giese, a lady was driving to S. Klein's Department Store to return two dresses. On the way she ran over a cat and killed it. Much distressed, she pulled off the road and examined the unlucky feline, but it wore no identification tag. She thereupon transferred it to her car, perhaps hoping that later investigation might reveal the name of the dead pet's owner. She packed the cat in the S. Klein's box from which she had removed the dresses. She parked near the store and went to do her errand, leaving the box on the front seat. When she returned, a crowd had gathered around the car and an ambulance was standing by with lights flashing. A female thief, noticing the box on the seat, had broken into the car, making off with the box. Her curiosity overcame her. She peeked . . . she shrieked . . . and she fainted dead away. Bystanders called an ambulance and the cat was out of the bag.

The Strange Case Of the Missing Wig

Police remain baffled by the mysterious disappearance of a lady's wig from the wig box in her closet. There were no signs of breaking and entering and the victim stated she had not entertained any large groups lately. The wig, valued at \$250, was described as champagne blond, handmade and long. "This looks like a tough one," stated Police Chief William Lane. "It's pretty difficult to go around snatching at people's hair to see if it comes off." Hair today, gone tomorrow? In this case, crime appears toupée.

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Memory Café Program Starts

The GAIL program is pleased to announce the expansion of the Memory Support Group with the addition of the Memory Café Program. The program will convene Wednesdays 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. from February 3 weekly through Wednesday April 6. Potential participants will receive a free neurological consultation that will assess stages of cognitive impairment. Memory Support Group sessions will be led by Tom Patota, LCSW-C and Sharon Johnson, CCM and will meet the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

The Greenbelt Memory Café Program segment will meet the 2nd and 4th weeks of the month. It is a place where individuals with memory loss and their caregivers can get together in a safe, supportive, and engaging environment. The program will be led by Greenbelt staff and interns. It is not a restaurant but light refreshments may be offered. It is a time and place where people can interact, laugh,

find support, share concerns and celebrate without feeling embarrassed or misunderstood. The Memory Café encourages friendship and acceptance. In order to participate in the Memory Café participants must be part of the Memory Support Group as well. Please note that the program is not suitable for people with dementia to attend alone if they have specific care needs such as: problems with continence, mobility issues that require aid, high levels of anxiety, disorientation/history of wandering. Persons with a history of disruptive and/or aggressive behavior are not appropriate for the group.

Application to participate in the Memory Support Group and Café can be made by calling GAIL Program Office at 301 345-6660 ext. 2038 to schedule an appointment with Tom Patota for an assessment. The location for the Memory Support Group and Memory Café will be the Greenbelt City Council Room, 25 Crescent Rd. 2nd floor.



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Sisters Gwyneth (3, left) and Mariella (6) McElhenny

From left, Iris (8) and Oscar (5) Gaycken with mother Caitlin McGrath



Arthur Eding (18 months) with mother Sandrine Jenzer

Katy (5, left) with mother Karen Nimerick



TREES continued from page 1

Longleaf Pine that stands sentry at the entrance to Schrom Hills Park. The tree has a wall where people rest, as well as a fence so no one tries to climb its impressive trunk. The brochure says it is a state champion tree.

“That’s no longer true,” said Townsend. “The champion tree is in Westchester County.” Townsend pointed out that the tree is unusual for this area and that Westchester is a bit warmer and closer to the water.

He said the one here probably started as a planted tree and was sheltered by the house back when Schrom Hills Park was a farm.

So Westchester County has a bigger tree . . . so what? The beauty or significance of this pine is still obvious.

And yet, people want to measure. People want to know which are the biggest trees. The champions.

To consider a tree for champion position, the Department of Natural Resources (and the volunteer organization MD Big Tree) needs three measurements: The height in feet (usually measured with a laser), the circumference of the trunk in inches, and a quarter of the crown spread (figured by measuring to the edge of the tree’s drip line). These num-

bers are added together to give the points. Volunteer foresters verify the numbers then compare with other trees, and finally the champions emerge.

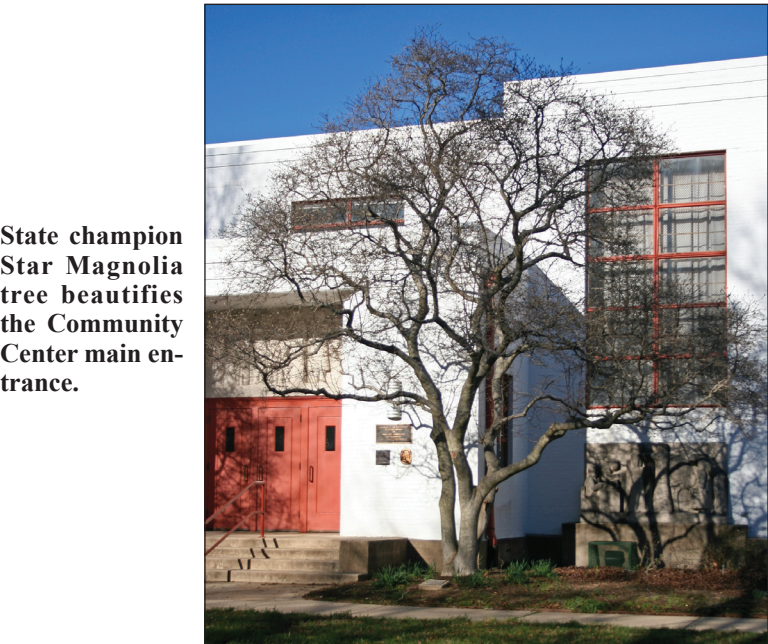
Four trees in Greenbelt have the points to make them champions. As of 2014, the last measurements recorded on Maryland Big Tree Program, the state champion *Platanus acerfolia* (London Plane Tree) stands at 115 Centerway. The city’s Star Magnolia (*Magnolia stellata*) that guards in front of the Community Center is also a state champ. The aforementioned Longleaf Pine remains a county champion along with the Deodar Cedar, also at Schrom Hills Park.

These trees will eventually die, but new ones will be nominated, verified and crowned in their place. Which is to say, if on a walk another particularly impressive tree is found, people will want to know. The city brochure asks for nominations of other “Great Greenbelt Trees” to be sent to btownsend@greenbeltmd.gov along with the tree’s variety, location and the nominator’s contact information. Maryland’s Big Tree Program mdbigtrees.com has a nomination form and more instructions online.



Looking up and up at the reigning county champion longleaf pine.

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State champion Star Magnolia tree beautifies the Community Center main entrance.

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